Agenda Item 11



Policy and Scrutiny

Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Executive Director - Resources

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Date: **27 June 2019**

Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: -

Subject: • Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

As set out in the Council's constitution, a key role for this Board is monitoring and guiding the future work programmes of the other scrutiny committees. This takes place on a quarterly basis, and at the same time the Board considers the previous work undertaken by the scrutiny committee.

This report sets out the work programmes of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Actions Required:

To consider if the Board is satisfied with the planned future work programme of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

1. Background

The Council's constitution includes in this Board's terms of reference the following two clauses: -

- To agree and monitor the ongoing overview and scrutiny work programme, in particular holding the chairmen and/or vice chairmen to account for their committee's work programme on a quarterly basis.
- To monitor and guide the activities of the other overview and scrutiny committees.

The table below sets out the reporting timetable since November 2018 and up to October 2019:

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing Health	29 November 2018	30 May 2019	29 August 2019
Children and Young People Public Protection and Communities	28 February 2019	30 May 2019	26 September 2019
Environment and Economy Highways and Transport	28 March 2019	27 June 2019	24 October 2019
Flood and Water Management			

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix A.

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix B.

2. Conclusion

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is asked to consider the work programmes of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

3. Consultation

- a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out? Not Applicable
- b) Risks and Impact Analysis Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report		
Appendix A Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee		
Appendix B Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee		

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

April 2019

The Committee held its meeting at the North Sea Observatory, Chapel St Leonards.

Lincolnshire Utility Strategy Next Steps

The Committee considered a report on the next steps with the Lincolnshire Utility Strategy and the work on a utility plan the County Council and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership to tackle the lack of utility infrastructure compared to demand.

Recommendations from the High Street Revitalisation Working Group

The Committee considered the outcomes of the High Street Vitality Working Group and the recommendations which identify ways that the County Council could support businesses and others in the transition which is happening to high streets. The Committee supported the recommendations were forwarded to the Executive Councillor for further consideration.

May 2019

Commissioning of Adult Skills and Family Learning

The Committee recommended the continued commissioning of an Adult Skills and Family Learning Programme and the establishment of an Open Framework for learning providers.

Digby Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Committee recommended that the Leader of the Council to approve the Digby Surface Water Flood Alleviation scheme and welcomed the scheme and the positive benefits it provides for the local community. The Committee also highlighted the need to ensure there would be suitable traffic management in place during the works, including advanced signage and a good level of detailed communication with local residents.

Water Resources East

The Committee supported a recommendation for the Executive to approve the Council taking up membership of the Water Resources East company and supported the work being undertaken to influence the development of the regional Water Resource Management Plan and the wider long term decisions on water management across the region.

Project Outline for Market Deeping Grow-on Business Space

The Committee considered the potential need for a grow-on facility to complement the Eventus Centre for Business and Innovation, Market Deeping. The Committee supported making use of the current budget allocation and potential funding from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership GL LEP and then, secondly, examining a long term business strategy for this area. Further items on this project will be considered at future meetings.

Energy Procurement

The Committee considered the Council's procurement of green or brown electricity to power its corporate portfolio. The Committee unanimously recommended that the County Council procure a 'Pure Green' Fuel Mix as a way to meet the Council's carbon emission targets. The Committee highlighted buying green would also allow the Council to report that it emits zero emissions for electricity needs, supporting the Council's Carbon Management Action Plan.

Future Work

09 JULY 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Proposed Statement of Community Involvement	Adrian Winkley (Minerals and Waste Policy Team Leader)	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive 03 September 2019
Scale up Business Advice	Samantha Harrison, Enterprise Growth Manager	To scrutinise performance of the Business Growth Hub's scale up programme and make recommendations on enhancing the service as appropriate.
Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Progress Report	Steve Brookes, Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager	Review of the implementation of the Lincolnshire Broadband Programme (Onlincolnshire).
Huttoft Coastal Tourism Facility	Peter Fender, Special Projects Officer	Introduction and options on the Huttoft Coastal Tourism Facility.
Environment Quarter 4 Performance Measures 2018/19 (1 January to 31 March 2019)	David Hickman, Growth and Environment Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information
Economy Quarter 4 Performance Measures 2018/19 (1 January to 31 March 2019)	Justin Brown, Head of Economic Development	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information

10 SEPTEMBER 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Creative Industries	Halina Davies, Growth Plan Project Manager	
Lincolnshire Utility Strategy	Andrew Brooks, Regeneration Manager	To update members on the progress and next steps for the Lincolnshire utility strategy.
Bids for European Regional Development Fund	Susannah Lewis, Principal Commissioning Officer Funding	Policy Development
Business Centres and Economic Development Portfolio Strategy	Simon Wright, Principal Officer (Regeneration)	review of the policy and procedures on how to support / retain businesses in Lincolnshire
Planning for Growth	Justin Brown, Head of Economic Development	Policy Development
Findings from the Skills Advisory Panel (SAP) Analysis	Clare Hughes, Principal Commissioning Officer (LEP)	Policy Development

22 OCTOBER 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Market Deeping Grow-on Business Space	Amanda Bond, Special Projects Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY
Huttoft Coastal Tourism Facility	Peter Fender, Special Projects Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY
Greater Lincolnshire Local Industrial Strategy	Ruth Carver, Commissioning Manager (LEP)	Review of the progress towards the Lincolnshire Local Industrial Strategy.

26 NOVEMBER 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Susannah Lewis, Principal Commissioning Officer Funding	
Team Lincolnshire Update	Jill McCarthy, Investment Team Manager	

Future items to be programmed

 Post Brexit Agricultural Policy - Vanessa Strange, Strategic Accessibility & Growth Manager

- Tourism Priorities 2020 onwards Mary Powell/Samantha Harrison
- Kirton Business Park Development
- High Street Revitalisation Progress Report
- LCC's Archaeological Planning Advice Service Ian George, Places Manager

For more information about the work of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee please contact Daniel Steel, Scrutiny Officer on 01522 552102 or by e-mail at daniel.steel@lincolnshire.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

April 2019

TransportConnect - Teckal Company Update

The Committee received an update on the Council's Teckal Company, Transport Connect Ltd, established in 2016, as an intervention into the market. The Committee welcomed the success of the service which had addressed a shortfall in the market and it was agreed that the Committee would receive an annual report on progress of the company.

Winter Maintenance - End of Year Report

The Committee received a report in connection with an end of year report on winter maintenance for the winter of 2018/19. This Committee were updated on the introduction of treated (brown) rock salt in certain depots, replacing the white marine salt used in pre-wetting operations. The different salt has proved as effective as the pre-wet routes over the season. The Committee supported further depots being converted from pre-wet to treated salt operations, rolled out over the next few winters as existing marine salt stocks are used up.

Lincoln Transport Strategy

The Committee received a verbal report in connection with an update of the Lincoln Transport Strategy. Feedback from the "drop in centres" had indicated the need for more bus services to be provided at the weekend and evenings. In addition the Committee sought assurance on concerns in relation to the Western Growth Corridor.

June 2019

Holbeach Transport Strategy

The Committee recommended the adoption of the Holbeach Transport Strategy and welcomed the report, especially the comprehensive layout of the Strategy which was easy to understand. The Committee stated that improvements were required to the Market Hill junction; agreed that the bus service was gradually improving after many years of poor service and the proposed community cycle hub was welcomed.

The Committee sought assurance that public consultation has been undertaken about the Strategy and it was confirmed that there had been extensive consultations including with South Holland District Council, use of social media and detailed discussions at the Local Strategy Board.

Review of the Highways and Transport Capital Programme

The Committee received a report in connection with the Council's capital programme financial performance in 2018/19, specifically with regard to Highways and Transport spend. The Committee supported the need for the Council to improve its

communication with the public and explain to them the reasons why a project was overrunning as this had not always been done in the past.

The Committee also sought assurance around the effects of the recent events caused by the substantial losses incurred by an investment fund on construction companies, as it was noticed that the Kier construction company had made substantial losses.

Passenger Transport Update

The Committee received a detailed report and presentation which provided an update on Passenger Transport matters and the issues faced by rural communities in accessing public transport.

This report provides an update on a number of passenger transport aspects including:

- Bus Services Act 2017
- The state of the local transport market
- Public Bus changes
- Total Transport including Non-Emergency Transport Services
- Community Transport
- Local Government Association's Special Interest Group on Public Transport Consortium
- Review of Lincolnshire Bus Strategy
- Sustainable Transport
- Transport Services Group's performance

Future Work

15 JULY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Route and Place Based Transport Strategies Annual Report	Sam Edwards, Major Schemes and Design Commissioner	Annual review of Route and Place Based Transport Strategies development.
Traffic Management for Events	Satish Shah, Highways Network Manager	Review of update/amendments to existing policy
Outcome of the Roundabout Sponsorship and Advertising Scrutiny Panel	Chairman of the Roundabout Sponsorship and Advertising Scrutiny Panel	Outcome and recommendations from the Roundabout Sponsorship and Advertising Scrutiny Panel.

16 SEPTEMBER 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Highways 2020 - Award decision	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner; Jonathan Evans, Senior Project Leader	PRE DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 01 October 2019
Winter Service Plan 2019		PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY
Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April to 30 June 2019)	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2018 - 2019	Matt Jones, Parking Services Manager	The annual report on CPE related activities and financial statement showing the cost of the operation, including any deficit or surplus.
CCTV Pilot Scheme for Parking enforcement outside schools	Matt Jones, Parking Services Manager	Review of future options for the CCTV Pilot Scheme.
Lincolnshire Connected	Vanessa Strange, Accessibility and Growth Manager	Review of the Lincolnshire Connected document and future actions

28 OCTOBER 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Highways 2020 Update	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Update on progress towards replacement arrangements for Highways 2020.
Engagement with Network Rail	Network Rail	Annual engagement session with Network Rail which will include details of network performance and discussion of any key issues or concerns in Lincolnshire.
Effective Highways Communication	Satish Shah, Highways Network Manager; Georgina Statham, Highways Liaison Manager	Review of the work being undertaken to enhance service users' experience with regards to the Highways and Transport services.
Highways Fault Reporting System Report	Satish Shah, Highways Network Manager; Georgina Statham, Highways Liaison Manager	Update on the highways fault reporting system performance / response times.

09 DECEMBER 2019 – 10:00am			
Item	Contributor	Purpose	
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2019)	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.	

Items to be programmed

- Coastal Highway Teresa James, Senior Project Leader Review of the first phase of work and initial report on possible options.
- **Street Lighting** Monitoring update on requests received under the reversal of part-night lighting protocol (Early 2020)
- Parking Policy and Strategy Matt Jones, Parking Services Manager -Consideration of an updated version of Lincolnshire County Council's parking policy and strategy. (TBC)
- **Highways England** The Committee have requested engagement with Highways England at a future meeting.
- East Midlands Rail Franchise The Committee have requested to meet with the successful bidder for the next franchise later in 2019 (October 2019)
- Review of Cycling Strategy Philip Watt, Cycling Officer
- Review of revised arrangements for Lincolnshire's Local Access Forums Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services (April 2020)
- TransportConnect Teckal Company Annual Report Anita Ruffle, Group Manager Transport Services (April 2020)

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